

From Whom ....

Place ....

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## SUBJECT.

Tapping in  
Govt. Home funds —

Connected Papers.

## MINUTES.

The A.D.C. urges tapping in letter ①  
Repl. to this ②

I saw the A.D.C. - Mr. Sherman this day -  
represented to him that if I received  
money for the tapping, I must pay  
it into the Treasury; and asked  
if he would care to take the thing  
into his own hands, or without  
H.S.'s orders I cannot.

He said that he would take it into  
his own hands: that ~~he~~ could get H.S.'s  
consent in three minutes

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Botanic Gardens

Singapore 6th. June 1919

Dear Sherwood,

The highest tender that I have got for tapping the 1850 (mostly old) trees in the Economic Gardens which should yield 500 pounds of dry rubber per mensem is, \$200 per month, and the mean of the sixteen tenders about \$160 per month.

If the Government House trees yield in the first year 400 pounds of rubber or just over one pound per tree as I estimate that is 33 pounds per month. then  $500:33::200$

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or  $500:33::160$

:10.50

If you can get say a rent of \$140 per annum, the lessee keeping the land clean weeded, I should think it good for the 1st. year. This rent should rise in the following years with the increased yields of the trees; but it is a difficulty thing to foresee the price of rubber. Further there are more trees to <sup>be</sup> grow tapping size.

If in the fifth year the rent were \$25 per month I should think it good. The tenant should consent to clean weed pay monthly in advance and tap on the enclosed Schedule.

Your faithfully,

## THE SECOND SCHEDULE

1. No tree to to be tapped which is less than eighteen inches in circumference at a height of eighteen inches from the ground.
2. No tree to be ~~to~~ be tapped more than once daily.
3. The system of tapping shall be a basal V or some other system approved by the Director of Gardens not more than two cuts being made at the time.
4. Not more than one eight of the whole area of bark between the height of five feet from the ground may be removed with the period of six months and the cuts made within this time may not extend over more than one half of the circumference.
5. The utmost care shall be taken not to wound the trees by tapping and skilled coolies only shall be employed in the tapping work and shall be under constant supervision.
6. The tenant shall be responsible for all damage done to the ~~trees~~ trees by wounding in course of tapping and a fine not exceeding five dollars per tree may be imposed by the Director of Gardens in respect of any tree wounded or damage by tapping by way of liquidated and ascertained damages.
7. Any fine so imposed by the Director of Gardens shall be paid by the tenant on demand as liquidated and ascertained damages provided always that if <sup>in</sup> any year the number of trees in respect of which fines are imposed amount tolless than twenty the fine shall not be payable or if paid shall be refunded.



Botanic Gardens,

Singapore,

31st. May, 1919

Dear Sherwood,

I have had all the tap-able rubber trees at Govt. House marked. They are 378. They will yield say 400-450 lbs of rubber in the first year.

Without special orders I shall have to pay the money received from rubber into the Treasury: therefore there is only one way of doing good for the domain in letting out the tapping, namely to so arrange the lease that the lessee keeps the ground clean.

A chinaman who came the other day said that he could get no profit unless he had a five years lease. Now a five years lease will bind H.E.'s successor, and so is undesirable. You have not told me what the chinaman who saw you would want.

15/ I am trying to lease the Economic Gardens' trees for tapping by six months at a time; and think that I shall succeed; but the yield is ~~10~~ <sup>(per tree)</sup> times the yield which will be got at Govt. House; and there are ~~facilities~~ facilities on the spot in buildings and cups.

I have little hope of a six months lease for Govt. house; but can try on the following terms:-

<sup>1</sup> Lessee to clean weed the ground

Lessee to carry off the latex and coagulate in his own premises outside

Lessee only to enter from the Tramway stables and not to allow his men to pass into the grounds beyond the trees

Lessee to tap ~~only~~ once a day and over a limited area of the bark as defined, and to be under penalty for damage to the trees.

29.5/4 Tell me what you think. My own opinion is that the planting of revenue trees in a Governor's grounds was

Government House,

Singapore,

21 - 5 - 1919.

Memo.

From

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY.

To

The Director of Gardens.  
a chairman has offered to "pay" —  
some the rubber trees in the  
Garden. paying after so much  
her time in \$120 for the price given a  
more later. —. condition that if his  
man damages any tree he pays its  
full value the entire cost. —  
please let me know what  
you think of the offer. I am in  
favor of it as we will then be  
getting revenue from trees which  
are now lying useless.

W. S. S. S.

21. May. 19

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to be used if required.

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